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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2005, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on December 14, 2005. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.